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Note by the Secretariat

By its decision 2001/237, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

"**Arrangements regarding participation of non-governmental organizations in the Second World Assembly on Ageing**

"The General Assembly decides:

(a) That representatives from non-governmental organizations accredited to the Second World Assembly on Ageing can make statements in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole;

(b) That, given the available time, a limited number of accredited non-governmental organizations may also make statements in the plenary of the Second World Assembly, and that non-governmental organizations should be requested to select their spokespersons among themselves and provide the list thereof to the President of the Second World Assembly, who will present the list of selected non-governmental organizations to Member States in a timely manner for approval, and to ensure that such selection is made on an equal and transparent basis, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation and diversity of non-governmental organizations;

(c) That side events of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, such as panels and round tables, will be held in order to allow Member States, observers, accredited non-governmental organizations and representatives of research institutions and the private sector to engage in an interactive dialogue; and that the Chair of the side events may make a statement in the plenary, and may submit to the President of the Second World Assembly a summary of the discussions for the widest possible dissemination;

(d) That the above arrangements will in no way create a precedent for any future World Assembly on Ageing."

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